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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

VICTORIA REGATTA.

A LAUNCHING of the Club will leave Queen's State Wharf TO-DAY (20th) at 1.30 P.M. to convey Visitors to the Flagship. W. MACHELLE, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. 3177

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 20th December, at 12 o'clock (Noon), in the City Hall. The Public are invited to attend.

M. FORBES, Hon. Secy, Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. 3048

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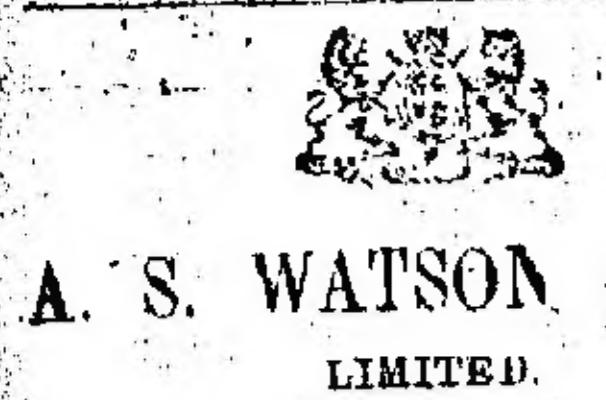
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The great victories of history have been achieved by comparatively young men. MAELBOROUGH was fifty-four when he fought the battle of Blenheim; WELLINGTON fought the battle of Waterloo when he was forty-six; and NELSON was forty-seven when he met his glorious death at the battle of Trafalgar. We trust our misgivings may prove unwarranted, but we cannot help feeling that the conduct of the South African war is a very heavy burden to lay upon a man of Lord ROBERTS's age. He has as his chief of staff, however, Lord KITCHENER, who is in his fiftieth year and in the very prime of his military career. In Lord ROBERTS's opinion and Lord KITCHENER's dash it is possible we may find the very combination called for by the circumstances of a war waged under conditions that are new to our army. Both men are soldiers of the highest type, and will approach their work in the spirit of NELSON, who, having made his dispositions for the battle of Trafalgar, and hoisted the memorable signal "England expects every man to do his duty," said: "Now I can do no more. We must trust to the great disposer of events and the justice of our cause. I thank God for this great opportunity of doing my duty."

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

The Mansion House War Fund amounted on the 2nd December to £232,000.

The cases of communicable disease reported last week were one of diphtheria and one (fatal) of bubonic plague.

A launch flying the V. R. C. flag will leave Queen's Statue Wharf today at 1.30 p.m. to convey visitors to the Regatta ship.

According to a telegram from a Ceylon correspondent it is reported that Mr. H. H. Jekyll had succeeded the late Mr. F. D. Barnes as managing director of the P. & O. Company.

Mr. Kounseville Wildman, U.S. Consul-General, favours us with the following meteorological notice received from Manila:—"Manila Observatory, 10th December, 7.49 a.m.—A pressure crossed North Bissaya moving southwards.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alco Memorial and Netherton Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

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The Pretoria correspondent describes the entry into the Transvaal of the British who were taken prisoners at Dundee. They were recorded by a strong guard past the President's house. Mr. Kruger, who was standing on the terrace, uncovery as they passed and the soldiers responded by shouting:—"I did not return to India until the end of 1881, six weeks out of these precious months of leave having been spent in a wild-goose chase to the Cape of Good Hope and back, upon my being nominated by Mr. GLADSTONE's Government Governor of Natal and Com-mander of the Forces in South Africa, on the death of Sir GEORGE COLLEY and the receipt of the news of the disaster at Majuba Hill. While I was on my way out to take up my command, peace was made with the Boers in the most marvel-lously rapid and unexpected manner. A peace, alas! without honour, to which may be attributed the recent regrettable state of affairs in the Transvaal—a state of affairs which was foreseen and predicted by many at the time. My stay at Cape Town was limited to twenty-four hours, the Govern-ment being apparently as anxious to get me away from Africa as they had been to 'hurry me out there.' Lord Roberts is now to be afforded the opportunity of establishing 'peace with honour' if he can: the whole resources of the Empire are placed at his disposal, and he is supported by the affectionate and admiring gratitude of the nation for his distinguished services in the past, coupled with a deep sympathy for him in the sad circumstances under which he enters upon the campaign, he having just lost his only son by wounds received in the war. That he may be able to add fresh laurels to his distinguished record and have the honour of extricating his country from the greatest difficulty in which she has found herself during the country will be the prayer of the whole British nation, and high confidence in the fulfilment of the wish will be entertained.

And yet, there is such a thing as expecting too much from any one man. There comes, too, a time in the life of every one when he can no longer be expected to repeat the successes of his youth. Far be it from us to suggest that any decline of Lord Roberts's vigour or alertness has commenced, but ordinarily a man of sixty-seven is not quite the man he

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